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**SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS
OCTOBER PECAN FORECAST**

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OCTOBER 2006 RESULTS FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

PECANS

Dear Respondent:

*This issue of the **USDA/NASS NEW MEXICO FIELD OFFICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the Pecan October Forecast. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.*

Sincerely,

Dwaine C. Nelson
Director

NEW MEXICO: The first pecan forecast for 2006 is 46 million pounds, down 29 percent from last year's record crop of 65 million pounds. This year's forecast is 7 million pounds more than the 2004 crop, the previous "off" year in the alternate bearing cycle of pecan trees.

UNITED STATES: The October 1, 2006 forecast of pecan utilized production is 201 million pounds (in-shell basis), down 28 percent from last year's crop but 8 percent above 2004. Improved varieties are expected to produce 150 million pounds or 74 percent of the total, while native and seedling varieties, at 51.7 million pounds, make up the remaining 26 percent. The 2006 crop is expected to be smaller than last year's in most producing States mainly because it is a low year in the alternate bearing pattern typical of pecans. The exceptions are the Gulf Coast States of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi that expect larger crops this year since hurricanes caused extensive damage in both the 2004 and 2005 seasons. If realized, New Mexico's production forecast of 46.0 million pounds would rank the State first in pecans for 2006. That forecast represents a 29 percent decrease from last year but is up 18 percent from 2 years ago.

All Pecans: Utilized Production 2004-05 and Forecasted October 1, 2006

State	2004	2005	2006
-----1,000 Pounds-----			
AL	1,100	4,000	6,000
AZ	14,000	22,000	15,000
AR	1,700	2,300	1,600
CA	3,500	3,900	3,200
FL	500	1,000	900
GA	45,000	80,000	45,000
KS	1,800	3,200	2,000
LA	9,000	5,000	19,000
MS	1,000	1,000	2,500
MO ^{1/}	---	2,600	1,500
NM	39,000	65,000	46,000
NC	100	2,000	1,200
OK	2,800	21,000	20,000
SC	1,100	2,200	1,500
TX	40,000	65,000	36,000
US	185,800	280,200	201,400

^{1/} Estimates began in 2006.